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ARRL Receives Homeland Security Training Grant

The ARRL will receive a \$181,900 homeland security grant from the US government to train Amateur Radio operators in emergency communication. The League was among several dozen nonprofit organizations designated to receive some \$10.3 million in federal money to boost homeland defense volunteer programs. The grant, from the Corporation for National and Community Service special volunteer program, will provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training to 5200 volunteers nationwide, starting in 2003.

"ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and is the national leader in emergency communications by volunteers who operate their own equipment on their time at no cost to any government, organization, or corporation," said the announcement today from Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. The ARRL plans to revise and update the emergency communications curriculum to incorporate additional elements of emergency preparedness and homeland security.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was extremely pleased by the news. "This adds legitimacy to the public service work Amateur Radio has been doing for years," he said.

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, applied for the funding in May, inviting the Corporation for National and Community Service to become "a partner with the nation's oldest volunteer radio communications organization."

"I think this is an extraordinarily exciting day for Amateur Radio that the role of Amateur Radio in homeland security is recognized at the highest levels of government," Hobart said when learning of the grant. The League's grant application characterized Amateur Radio as "the bedrock

of communications when other outlets fail."

Hobart cited Amateur Radio's response in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks and said the federal grant "will help continue our work in providing public service and to protect lives, homes, businesses and our frequencies, as we have for decades."

The League had sought a three-year

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August Happenings & Elections

August is the month for Club Election. We hope to see everyone attend the meeting. **Election information see page 6** Two new nets have sprouted on the 146.820 machine. On Tuesday nights at 8PM David, KG4LSK, has created a practice net for the purpose of improving the technical and regulatory knowledge of all Atlanta area hams, to help Technicians upgrade to General and perhaps help Generals upgrade to Extra. KG4LSK is the NCS. All Technician class licenses are encouraged to participate. All Atlanta hams are welcome. On Wednesday night at 8PM Emily Ivey, KG4SRD has created a net specifically directed at YL's licensed or not. It's a great opportunity for spouses of Hams to get some exposure to Ham Radio and have some fun chatting with other YL's. The Atlanta Ham is still looking for some good original articles from club members to print in upcoming newsletters. It would be good to see some ongoing submissions from folks or maybe some interesting project that are short and simple. Contact the Ham Editor, John, KI4YI!

Bring your personal QSL cards with you!

Bring your QSL cards with you to the August meeting. Wayne Robertson, K4WK, is going to show us how to make our own QSL cards. You could bring a few real exotic cards to display also. This is a good chance for the newer Hams to see what QSL cards are all about and get some tips on creating your own.

QSL cards come in all colors and

styles. Have you ever thought about designing your own? Come prepared to get some ideas.

A special thanks to Wayne Robertson for such a creative program in August!



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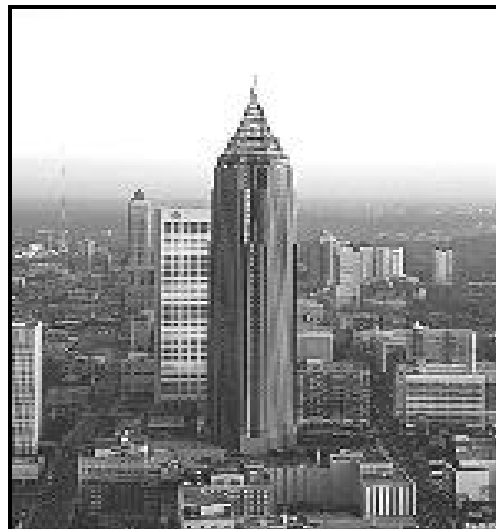
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THE ATLANTA RADIO CLUB, W4DOC

Originally known as the "Atlanta Wireless Club," the Atlanta Radio Club is one of the oldest and largest amateur radio clubs in the United States. With nearly 200 members, the Club sponsors numerous activities and services for its membership and for the Atlanta area amateur radio community.

The Club is best known for its sponsorship of the annual Atlanta HamFestival, a Saturday event which hosts many vendors, exhibitors, and flea marketers of amateur radio equipment and other electronic equipment, including computers



Bank of America Tower
Site of Atlanta Repeaters:
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W4DOC REPEATERS

The Atlanta Radio Club operates five repeaters at two locations. Currently our most active project is at the Bank of America Tower where we operate three repeaters at 146.82(-), 224.34 (-), and 444.825(+). On the web, go to <http://www.saf.com/arc/repeater.pdf> for a Acrobat 4.0 diagram of our system.

Our second location is the WFOX broadcast tower at Chestnut Mountain, south of Gainesville, GA. We operate two repeaters on 145.35(-) & 444.45 (+) . These repeaters are being renovated under the expert guidance of Dennis, KF4MHW, and should also be on the air before May 1, 2002. For pictures of that site, see <http://www.saf.com/arc/wfox.html>

ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS



MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Thursday August 1, 2002 7:30PM
WHERE: Red Cross 1955 Monroe Drive – Atlanta
TALK IN: 146.820 (-) PL 146.2
DINNER: 6:15PM The Picadilly Cafeteria
1544 Piedmont Rd – Ansley Mall

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – PENN K4PE

I announced at our July 11th meeting that I would not be the President of the ARC for 2002 - 2003 fiscal year. I intend to remain as involved in the club as ever: I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to seek interesting and educational programs for our meetings & the Hamfest, and help the repeater team. I hope to restart the scholarship committee, and help with the website. My real motivation in turning over the reins is to further grow the ARC, and develop other leaders in the club. I hope we develop another 10 or 20 more local hams that are committed to the club. That might not happen if I don't step aside and let someone else see how much fun it is to be a club leader.

There's no way I can begin to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to have such a rewarding experience during the past two years. Part of what made the experience so rewarding is that there are so many fearless leaders in the club. There's no way to make examples of them all, but here are some of the highlights of the leadership of the ARC:

Charles, N4TZM. Someone once told me that the Treasurer's job is the most thankless job in a non-profit organization. It involves hard work without much reward. With a good Treasurer a club can become a force to be reckoned with, and not just financially. The Treasurer enables everyone to have a good time. We all owe Charles an enormous debt of gratitude.

Dennis, KF4MHW. Here's a man who ought to be the President of the Club, and I have nominated him to Russ, AE4NY, the chair of the nominating committee. I've learned you can count on Dennis. He's always there when he says he'll be, and he takes care of business in a friendly, casual, yet expedient manner. He picked up the ball on the FOX tower repeater project and put in countless hours on the telephone and driving hither and yon to make it all work. He was a major force with the Hamfest operations. He showed up early, stayed onsite the entire day and was one of the last to leave. He put in all these hours for the club while holding down an important job at Georgia Tech, and buying his first house.

John Talipsky, Jr, KA4VQH. He brings in the bacon every year at the Hamfest, and travels tirelessly promoting our fundraiser. He also helps KI4Y publish the Atlanta Ham. Like the Treasurer, both the Hamfest & the Atlanta Ham involve commitment that often goes unnoticed. Next time you see John, *See President's message, page 6*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

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KG4QDH Emily Ivey, Norcross

CC&R BILL HR 4720 Gains additional cosponsors

The bill now in Congress aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--in erecting antennas has gained additional cosponsors. Freshman Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" on May 14. The measure--HR 4720--would require private land-use regulators--such as homeowners' associations--to "reasonably accommodate"

Amateur Radio communication consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities. RepGreg

Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR) and Rep Pete Sessions (R-TX) signed on as original cosponsors of HR 4720.

Since its introduction, the bill also has attracted several additional cosponsors. These include Representatives J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ), Patrick Tiberi (R-OH), Patsy Mink (D-HI), Ken Calvert (R-CA), Rick Boucher (D-VA), Joseph Hoeffel (D-PA), John Duncan Jr (R-TN), Dennis Moore (D-KS), Charles Stenholm (D-TX) and David Price (D-NC).

Visit the US House of Representatives "Write Your Representative Service" Web page, www.house.gov/writerep/ for information on how to

contact your representative. The ARRL requests those writing or e-mailing members of Congress--whether or not they are supporting this legislation--to copy ARRL on their correspondence--via e-mail to ccr-bill@arrrl.org or via US Mail to CC&R Bill, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Correspondents should include the bill number, HR 4720, as well as their name and address on all correspondence.

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grant of \$500,000. The \$100,000 grant covers the first year's direct program costs. The proposed budget includes the cost of a project coordinator who would be responsible for overall fiscal management of the grant.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was pleased that the League would be able to extend its Amateur Radio Emergency Communications program to thousands of amateurs who might otherwise not be able to afford the program. "We hope all who are interested will get on board," he said.

The grant announcement said that "expanding the opportunities for Americans to participate in meaningful volunteer service" is at the heart of President George Bush's USA Freedom Corps, of which the Corporation for National and Community Service is a part.

"We are deeply grateful to Tom Ridge and to the Corporation for National and Community Service for providing Amateur Radio with a unique opportunity to serve our country," Hobart said.

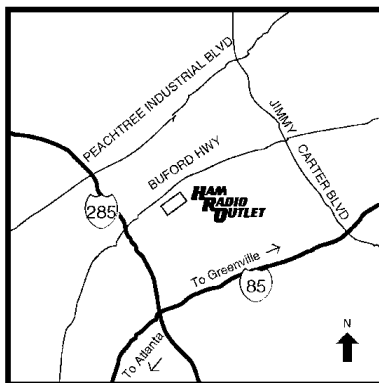


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2:00 PM (Except July and September)
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs Road, Gainseville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Thursday – EVEN # MONTHS 7:00 PM
Fayette County Repeater Assn, ARRL VEC
Peachtree City Library, downstairs
Ed Ferguson, N4YTR (edferg@peoplepc.com)

Second Tuesday 7:00 PM
Walton EMC Building
3645 Lenora Church Road, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA (770)498-7759

Second SaturdayCA VEC 8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain Street, Stone Mountain
Hal Martin, K14RD (770)978-9160

Second Saturday – ODD # MONTHS 10:00 AM
Fayette County Repeater Assn, ARRL VEC
Peachtree City Library, downstairs
Ed Ferguson, N4YTR (edferg@peoplepc.com)

Third SaturdayCA VEC 9:00 AM
Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305
56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ (770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday ARRL VEC 7:00 PM
United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK (770)942-6466

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Always the 4th Saturday!
STARS – August, 12pm – 3pm SCITREK
Contact Penn. K4PE

ARRL GEORGIA SECTION NOTES & NEWS

Have you sent a letter to your representative yet, regarding H.R. 4720, the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act"? This is the first real chance for hams to get some relief from the CC&Rs restricting their ability to put up outdoor antennas, but we need to urge our representatives to co-sponsor the bill, if it's to have any chance of being passed. And it is a very simple process! If you aren't sure who the heck your representative is, but you're too embarrassed to ask anyone, fear not. If you know your 9-digit zip code, no problem. (And if you don't know THAT, check with the post office.) Go to www.house.gov/writerep/ and follow the directions, putting in your name, address, including that 9-numbered zip, and they'll tell YOU who your representative is. And you can write your letter right online and send it off with a simple mouseclick. Not sure what to write? No excuses there, either. The ARRL has put a sample letter online to help you with that, too. You can find it at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/05/14/102/sample-letter.html> So, any more excuses? And don't forget to send a copy of your letter to the ARRL, too, if you would, at ccr-bill@arrl.org.

UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

17-18 Aug 2002 Alabama Section Convention
Huntsville Hamfest Association
<http://www.hamfest.org>

24 Aug 2002 Tampa ARC
<http://www.hamclub.org>

14 Sep 2002 Paulding ARC
<http://www.pauldingarc.com>

12 Oct 2002 ARC of Augusta

2-3 Nov 2002 Georgia Section Convention
Alford Memorial Radio Club
<http://www.totr.radio.org>

9 Nov 2002 Montgomery ARC
<http://jschool.troyst.edu/~w4ap/>

7-8 Dec 2002 Florida State Convention
Florida Gulf Coast AR Council
<http://www.fgcarc.org>

Nominations & Elections *Continued from page 1*

The Nominations Committee comprised of Chairman Russ Richardson, AE4NY, Dick Bentley, K2UFT, and John Talipsky, KA4VQH, happily report that a slate of officers has been accepted. All persons wishing to run for office should consult the by-laws to determine his/her eligibility.

4.30 The regular election of officers shall be conducted as follows:

(1) At the July meeting each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) members of the Club, but not current officers.

(2) The Nominating Committee shall meet and select two (2) or more qualified members, if possible, as nominees for President. In the event that the Committee is unable to identify two or more nominees, it may recommend only one. The proposed nominee(s) shall confer with the Nominating Committee and other members of the Club to establish a slate of officers to run with each nominee. The Nominating Committee shall accept the slate(s) proposed by the nominee(s) and present same as the Committee's report. Only members who are willing to serve shall be nominated. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible for election.

(3) The Nominating Committee shall make its report to the

membership during the August meeting. At the end of their report, the nominating committee shall become the Election Committee, responsible for carrying out the elections of officers.

(4) Voter eligibility shall be determined from a current membership list of Members which shall be provided to the Election Committee by the Board at the August meeting for the purpose of voter registration. Following verification by the ARC Secretary or Treasurer, printed ballots shall be handed to each verified Member. The number of ballots handed to each Member shall be equal to the total number of offices to be filled. Only Members who are present shall be eligible to vote.

(5) Any nominee receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected.

(6) A runoff election between two nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be held in the event that no nominee receives a majority of

the votes cast on the first ballot.

(7) Nominees, for a President with slate, shall be taken from the floor if properly presented. In such event, the nominee must be present to accept the nomination, or the presenter must provide written evidence that the nominee will accept the nomination and fulfill the office to the best of his or her ability if elected. Any nomination from the floor must be supported by the advance written endorsement of no less than ten voting Members of the Club.

(8) Upon conclusion of the elections, the Election Committee shall make a declaration report to the Club confirming the new officers. At his or her discretion, the outgoing President may relinquish the chair to the incoming President who will conduct the remainder of any business before the Club and adjourn the meeting.

The following list of candidates was delivered and accepted by the nominating committee:

President, Dennis Baggett, KF4MHW
Vice President, Wayne Robertson, K4WK
Treasurer, Charles Golsen, N4TZM
Secretary, David Thomaschik, KF4MDV

I wish to thank Dick and John for their participation in this process and would like to also thank Penn, K4PE, for a job well done as President of the Atlanta Radio Club. I hope to see everyone at the August meeting to elect a new group of officers. 73's Russ, AE4NY

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President's message continued...

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shake his hand and thank him for all his hard work.

John Talipsky, Sr, KI4Y. We tend to take John's presence for granted sometimes because he goes about his business in a quiet and diplomatic way. For many years he's been the Publisher of our Publication, the Atlanta Ham. He is also a tireless supporter of the Hamfest, and I have the feeling too that he supports in the club in circles that I'm not even aware of. As the fifth member of the board, he always had something valuable to say at board meetings, and occasionally served as one who was willing to question a proposal like an elder. I valued his presence always.

David Thomashik, KF4MDV. Thanks to David for serving as Secretary but also for staying involved. David hosted a Foxhunt in his first year in office, and most recently has taken the lead on our involvement with the STARS station. He's also helped out with the Sunday night net on several occasions.

Tim Lemmon, WK4U. Tim is right

up there with KA4VQH in raising funds for the club. He has auctioned off nearly \$2000 in club gear on Ebay that had been gathering dust in storage for years. Tim has also taken the lead on the FOX repeater. I could always count on Tim to be sincere, forward thinking, and a good communicator. It was always a pleasure to work with him.

Andy Keels, KD4ABB. Not many of the new hams have talked to Andy. He's a field service engineer and travels out of Atlanta close to 50 weeks per year. He occasionally is in Atlanta on weekends, and when he's around he's spent countless hours installing antennas at the bank. He's installed hundreds of feet of hard-line, and installed at least four antennas that we use everyday. Andy loves this kind of work. I prefer software and electronics, and pulling hard-line just seems like a lot of hard work to me. Between Andy's enthusiasm for outdoor hardware, and my enthusiasm for indoor hardware, we've assembled a darn good repeater system at the bank. Many of you know of my involvement because I talk on the re-

peaters so (too?) much, but fewer know that it wouldn't have happened without Andy's hard work and determination.

There are at least a dozen more folks who deserve mention here. There were folks who helped with Hamfest, Antennas at the bank, repeater hardware, Club meeting programs, and supporting the repeaters operations. It has been a genuine privilege for me to serve you all. If one of you are interested in joining the fun, contact any one of the club officers. Lastly, my only regret as President was that we did not deploy the GE Master II at Chestnut Mountain before I left office. There's still some hope that it'll be done prior to August 1st. I'll be astounded if it doesn't happen before Labor Day. We're finished and are awaiting an appointment to climb the tower

73's Penn

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